



Bishop Lewis Work Release – King County

Work Release Data Sheet

A Structured Transition back into the Community

Work release facilities serve as a bridge between life in prison and life in the community. Offenders at work release focus on transition, to include finding and retaining employment, re-connecting with family members, and becoming productive members of the community. They also learn and refine social and living skills such as riding the bus, going to the grocery store, and managing their personal finances – all while under supervision. Work release is an opportunity for self-improvement, while assisting offenders in creating a safe and productive lifestyle that can be sustained upon release.

Who is eligible for Work Release?

- Both male and female offenders.
- Offenders who are within six months of release.
- Offenders who are awarded minimum security status based on a behavior-driven classification process.

What are the benefits of Work Release?

- Offenders resume responsibility for their decisions and actions, and they establish employment prior to release. As a result, they are able to contribute to the support of their families and make payments towards their court-ordered legal financial obligations including paying restitution to their victims.
- Offenders are able to pay a portion of their room and board.
- While they are in the program, work release staff assist the offenders to establish community ties through education, treatment, family and support groups.

Mission Statement

The mission of DOC is to improve public safety.

Vision Statement

Working together for safe communities.

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Statewide Work Release Demographics

Current Number of Offenders in Work Release.....647

Total number of Offenders who participated in Work Release.....2,949

Risk Level Classification (Offender Risk to Reoffend)

■ High Violent	51.6%	334
■ High Non-Violent.....	33.7%	218
■ Moderate Risk	11.4%	74
■ Low Risk.....	3.3%	21
■ Unclassified	0%	0

Offense Types

■ Murder 1 and 2.....	2%
■ Manslaughter	2%
■ Sex Crimes	<0.2%
■ Robbery	7%
■ Assault	19.0%
■ Property Crimes.....	43%
■ Drug Crimes.....	21%
■ Other/Unknown	6%

Gender

Male.....	543
Female.....	104



Bellingham Work Release – Whatcom County

All figures contained in this report reflect data as of December 31, 2015 unless specified

Are there specialized programs?

- Helen B. Ratcliff Work Release in Seattle offers the Mother/Baby Program with a nursery where the mother can live with and care for their child, while developing resources for childcare and securing employment.
- Rap/Lincoln Work Release in Pierce County assists mentally ill offenders to gradually phase back into the community and establish non-criminal connections, while participating in treatment programs.
- Eligible offenders participate in Chemical Dependency treatment and Offender Change programs.

What are the expectations of offenders in Work Release?

- All offenders must abide by the rules and regulations of the program. Deviations can result in disciplinary action, to include termination from the program.
- Offenders work on job development, search, placement, and retainment of employment. On-site job visits and verification are completed by work release staff to assure the offender is employed at the designated site. Offenders are also monitored on their trips back and forth to work to ensure their movements allow enough time to get to work without any pre-arranged stops.
- Offenders are only allowed out of the facility if they work, are conducting business or are on a supervised outing to visit family members. These outings are always in the presence of a sponsor who has undergone a criminal background check and adjudged responsible for the offender's actions.
- Offenders must continue therapy, parenting classes, anger management training, and substance abuse treatment that may also include participation in Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, as identified in their reentry plan.
- Offender must submit to frequent tests for substance abuse.



Lincoln Park Work Release –Pierce County

Work Release Road to Reentry

- Offenders participate in family friendly events to re-establish relationships.
- Several facilities have a garden cultivated by offenders, with produce going to the facility kitchen and local food banks.
- Many facilities are involved in recycling programs which reduce waste and cost.

What the Employers Say

- In January 2015, a survey was sent to businesses that have hired one or more work release residents. The responses were overwhelmingly positive:
 1. Would you hire a work release resident again in the future?
 - Yes.....91%
 - No.....0%
 - Maybe.....9%
 2. Would you recommend hiring a work release resident to someone else?
 - Yes.....88%
 - No.....3%
 - Maybe.....9%

What the Research Says

- “The program achieved its primary goal of preparing inmates for final release and facilitating their adjustment to the community...We can conclude from the results...that vocational training and/or work release programs are effective in reducing recidivism as well as improving job readiness skills for ex-offenders.” -- Kadela Seiter, Prison Reentry: Crime and Delinquency, July 2003
- In 2007, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy conducted a review of the Washington State Work Release program and outcomes. In summation of the findings, the report found that the reduction in recidivism for those offenders who participates in work release generated \$3.82 of benefits per dollar of cost.

Work Release Facility Locations (Map Available on [DOC Website](#))



Work Release Facilities

Benton County

- Tri-Cities Work Release

Clark County

- Clark County Work Release

Cowlitz County

- Longview Work Release

King County

- Bishop Lewis Work Release
- Helen B Ratcliff Work Release
- Madison Inn Work Release
- Reynolds Work Release

Kitsap County

- Peninsula Work Release

Pierce County

- Progress House Work Release
- Rap House & Lincoln Park Work Release

Snohomish County

- Snohomish Co Work Release

Spokane County

- Eleanor Chase Work Release
- Brownstone Work Release

Thurston County

- Olympia Work Release

Whatcom County

- Bellingham Work Release

Yakima County

- Ahtanum View Work Release

Statewide Prison Demographics

Number of Prison Facilities 12

Number of Work Release Facilities 16

Total Offenders in Confinement..... 18,417

Offenders in prison..... 16,703

Offenders in work release..... 647

Offenders in out-of-state rented beds 0

Offenders in in-state rented beds..... 1,017

Average Age 38.5

Gender

Male.....92.4%

Female7.6%

Citizenship

United States95.4%

Offense Types

Murder 1 and 2.....13.7%

Manslaughter2.0%

Sex Crimes20.4%

Robbery9.7%

Assault24.5%

Property Crimes.....17.8%

Drug Crimes7.6%

Other/Unknown4.3%

Length of Sentence

Less than two years14.8%

Two to five years24.2%

Five to ten years21.0%

Over ten years24.5%

Life with possible of Parole or Release11.9%

Life without release3.6%

Average length of stay for offenders released in the past year..... 23.0 months

Commitment Types

New admission50.52%

Readmission44.16%

Other (from out-of-state or violators)5.32%

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Other Facts About Work Release

- The average cost per offender was \$25,980 annually or \$71.18 per day.
- Offenders earned \$7,123,194.75 while employed during their stay at work release during 2015.
- 2,761 offenders transferred into work release in fiscal year 2015 with an average stay of 104 days.



Ahtanum View Work Release – Yakima County



Clark County Work Release – Clark County

